

Junior Ring Week Brings Pranks



A junior's car outside Seacobeck during Junior Ring Week.

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Hample to Receive \$217,000 Severance

By ANNE ELDER
Staff Writer

President Judy Hample will receive \$217,000 in severance, according to an amended agreement between Hample and the Board of Visitors.

According to the agreement, the severance will be given to Hample as she "forever waives her rights to tenure on the University's faculty, effective June 30, 2010."

Hample will continue to receive her presidential base salary, which according to her original contract, is \$330,000. She will also continue to receive benefits and will remain in Broompton until June 30, 2010.

This agreement, signed on March 7, was reached shortly after Hample's resignation was announced in late February. Board of Visitors Rector Nanalou Sauder said the amended agreement has been in discussion since February, when Hample announced her resignation.

While the BOV maintains that many of the agreements are standard procedure, several students were displeased regarding the severance.

Also included in the agreement, Hample must consult and obtain permission from the BOV "for all major personnel decisions, including the hiring and firing of senior administrators."

"It's the appropriate legal way to do it," Sauder said of adding the amendment.

The agreement also included a nondisparagement clause, which stated, "Dr. Hample agrees she will not engage in any conduct or communication that may impugn the reputation or integrity [of] the University, the Rector or the Board of Visitors or any of its members, or the University's employees."

According to Sauder, many of the items included in the agreement are "standard legal things."

Another agreement reached by Hample and the BOV in-

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Hurley Named as Acting President

By BRYNN BOYER
Staff Writer

The Board of Visitors announced that Rick Hurley will serve as acting president in the transition between Judy Hample and the yet unnamed president who will replace her.

Hurley, executive vice president, will start on April 1 and will act as president until June 30, adding a sense of stability to the university in a time of transition.

"At the executive level, I'm the senior person and as the chief financial officer, I'm more familiar with the inner workings...than any other VP," Hurley said.

The announcement came after a BOV executive committee meeting yesterday.

Judy Hample originally announced that she would be resigning as of July 1, but last Monday said she would be stepping down as of April 1 instead.

"I look forward to working with him," Nanalou Sauder, rector of the BOV, said.

This is not the first time Hurley has served as acting president.

He filled the position in the interim between William Frawley and Judy Hample from April 2007 to June 2008.

"I feel a lot more confident and less nervous this time," Hurley said.

Hurley said his primary goal during his three months as acting president will be to work with faculty on the establishment of the new colleges of education and business, as well as address the university's reaccreditation process.

In addition to working as acting president, Hurley will continue his duties as executive vice president.

"I rely heavily on Rick Pearce [the associate vice president of business and finance]," he said.

Hurley said he wants students to look for him on-campus.

"I do plan on getting out and being seen," he said.

Hurley will be at commencement in May, shaking hands with students.

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Rick Hurley at the Board of Visitors meeting yesterday, near the pictures of past UMW presidents. Hurley will become acting president as of April 1.

Another New Face in Administration

By BRYNN BOYER
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington will have a new chief academic officer starting July 1.

Richard Finkelstein, 55, was officially announced as the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on Monday.

According to a university press release, the dean oversees matters regarding faculty, the curriculum, academic programs and academic support. "I was attracted [to Mary Washington] by the quality of the faculty, the programs and the students," Finkelstein said.

Finkelstein said he was familiar with the university because his friend's son graduated from UMW last year and its position as a sister Council of Public Li-

beral Arts Colleges institution.

"I knew it was strong in all sorts of ways," he said.

He will replace Rosemary Barra, who has served as acting dean since July 1, 2004.

"My immediate goal is to get to Mary Washington and listen to what people have to say," Finkelstein said.

In the long-term, Finkelstein said he wants to strengthen UMW's existing programs, foster more collaboration between departments, and bolster UMW's

connections to the community.

Currently, Finkelstein is chair of the English department at the State University of New York at Geneseo. During his nine years as chair, Finkelstein cre-

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Dr. Richard Finkelstein, the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Letter to Universities Stirs Up Controversy on Campus

By KRISTEN KELLEHER
Staff Writer

The threat of state-wide changes to non-discrimination policies of public universities has garnered national media attention and inspired heated activism among the state's university students.

After a relatively quiet first four months in office, state Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli released a letter to Virginia state universities advising them to prohibit "sexual orientation," "gender identity" or "gender expression" from appearing as a protected class in a public university's non-discrimination policy, in compliance with state law.

After the letter's release on March 4, public university students across the state quickly materialized in protest against the policy change. Among the first to begin these efforts was the University of Mary Washington, beginning with the Facebook group created on March 6, "UMW Votes 'No' to Ken Cuccinelli's Discriminatory Letter."

By Tuesday of last week, UMW People for the Rights of Individuals of Sexual Minorities (PRISM) collaborated with the UMW Young Democrats and other students to formally

petition against the letter, collecting over 1,300 signatures from students and faculty during sixteen combined hours of campaigning on Tuesday and Wednesday.

PRISM petitioner Kat Hopkins marveled at the positive student response she saw during her two days collecting signatures.

"I was so amazed and warmed by the amount of people who grabbed the clipboard out of my hand to sign it," Hopkins said. "I hope this has sparked university students in Virginia to look at state laws to know that there is discrimination. Discrimination is legal in Virginia."

The letter came one month after Gov. McDonnell passed an executive order that did not include protection for homosexuals employed by the state of Virginia. Cuccinelli cited this recent action and similar past legislations within the letter, noting that ultimately "A Board of Visitors cannot adopt a policy position for which no authority has been granted or that has repeatedly been rejected by the General Assembly."

Six days after the release of this letter, McDonnell issued an executive directive in response to Cuccinelli's actions, assuring that "discrimination for any reason other than merit and

ability has no place in state government."

Both the UMW Student Senate and the university's faculty senate have spoken out against policy change and have issued statements to the Board of Visitors to request that they uphold the university's current non-discrimination policy, which includes protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The BOV passed a resolution yesterday, reaffirming the university's nondiscrimination policy established in 1991, which protects sexual orientation.

George Farrar, associate vice president of university relations at UMW, said that he was initially very surprised by the attorney general's letter, and that the letter "seemed very last century and out of synch with current acknowledgment of basic human rights."

PRISM plans to continue to campaign against McDonnell's executive order, in the hopes that the state will reincorporate sexual orientation into its employment non-discrimination policy.

More immediately, PRISM hopes to change the UMW policy to include

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BEAT

By **BRYNN BOYER**
Staff Writer

If you don't remember what you did last weekend, don't worry.

A double edition of Police Beat will be back next week.

New History Professor Joins for One Year to Replace Crawley

By **LINDLEY ESTES**
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington's history department recently hired Will Mackintosh as a replacement for Professor William Crawley.

Crawley, who announced his retirement from the University last summer, will end his 40-year tenure at the close of the semester.

Mackintosh received his PhD at the University of Michigan and has taught for several higher learning institutions. He is a specialist in early national and antebellum American history.

However, due to recent budget cuts, the history department is only able to hire Mackintosh for a year. As an adjunct professor, Mackintosh will not advise students or senior theses.

"This means the rest of the faculty will have a few more advisees and senior theses spread out. He will not be engaging in department service. It would be unfair to burden him with it since this position is only for one year," department chair Dr. Jeffrey Mc-

Clurken said.

Mackintosh will be taking over three survey history courses and a senior seminar of national America during his first semester at UMW. He will teach newly offered courses in his area of expertise during the spring semester of 2011.

"It will be tough to fill Dr. Crawley's shoes," said McClurken, "but [Mackintosh] is a bright, smart, funny guy."

Crawley has been an integral member of the UMW community throughout his time tenure. Crawley was granted the College's annual Grellet C. Simpson Award for outstanding teaching in 1994. The class of 2005 chose Crawley as the recipient of the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award for the professor who has impacted students' lives the most. He has also served as the UMW historian of the college, a replacement for which has not yet been named. In October of 2008 he published "University of Mary Washington: A Centennial History," the definitive book on the history of UMW.

"I've had the honor of having 3 classes with Dr.

Crawley, including one this semester," senior history major Lauren Greider said. "From the stories I've heard from professors and students, I know Crawley has done a lot for this school and will be sorely missed."

Greider mentioned Crawley's work with historic preservation, founding the Great Lives lecture series and working with alumni to raise money.

The history department chose Mackintosh out of over 100 applicants. During the hiring process they interviewed 10 contenders at the American History Association's national conference in San Diego and brought the three most qualified applicants to campus.

"[Mackintosh] is great," Allyson Poska, professor of history, said. "I'm thrilled with the decision... We're all incredibly excited to have him here."

McClurken also expressed enthusiasm for the choice, calling Mackintosh "a good fit for the school."

Student President Has Big Plans

By **HANNAH MILLER**
Staff Writer

On Mar. 31, sophomore Ashley Nixon will be sworn in as UMW's Student Government Association president.

As SGA president, Nixon's two main goals are to increase school spirit and make student voices heard. Nixon said she wants to make SGA more visible and vocal, as she feels SGA is "the bridge between the student body and the administration."

To increase school spirit, Nixon wants to reward students for frequent attendance to sports events. Punch cards would be used to mark the number of games a student attends and after receiving a certain number of punches on their card, students will be able to get free items such as a UMW t-shirt or hat.

Nixon said she feels Homecoming is the only time UMW has great turnout for sport events and she hopes the punch cards will increase attendance at every game.

"Everyone loves Mary Washington," Nixon said. "It's just a matter of showing it."

Nixon said she plans to bring up the "everyday things people want" to the administration, like coffee machines in academic buildings. As the link between the student body and the administration, Nixon said she wants the SGA to be more approachable to students. Nixon encourages students to address their concerns to the student senate.

"The administration really does listen. They're nice people," Nixon said.

Nixon, a political science major, currently serves on the SGA executive cabinet. She is also a member of Class Council and College Republicans as well as an orientation coordinator.

Nixon ran for SGA president because she really wanted to help make a difference at UMW, she said.

"With all this change, I feel like now is a time to make our voices heard," Nixon said. "I love Mary Washington. I love the sense of community here. [I] definitely want to keep and uphold these principles as SGA president."

Housing Next Year: Randolph to Close, Others No Longer Freshmen



Marie Nicola/Bullet

Students hanging out in front of Mason Hall on a recent afternoon. Mason Hall, currently a freshman dorm, will house upperclassmen next year. Randolph Hall will be closed.

By **MICHELLE DACHMAN**
Staff Writer

Residence Life recently announced that residence halls previously considered upperclassmen dorms, will now be made freshmen, along with other changes to take place over the summer.

According to Chris Porter, director of residence life, with Eagle Village under construction and expected to open this Fall 2010, there will be 624 new units available for upperclassmen. As a result of this addition, Arrington Hall and Bushnell Hall will be made into freshmen housing.

Porter said Randolph Hall and Mason Tunnel will be closed for renovations starting this summer. Mason Hall will become an upperclassmen residence hall.

Some students are not happy with the changes and are worried about the effects the construction will have on campus.

"I don't like how they are going to put students in Mason Hall while they are constructing [on the Mason tunnel]," Aliyah Jameer, a junior living in

Alvey Hall, said.

"I don't care what they change about the resi-

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dence halls, but I think that Virginia Hall should always remain all freshmen girls to pay homage to what the school used to be," Katherine Rawls, a sen-

ior, said.

"It is also a feeling of comfort for incoming freshman girls to know that they will be in the same boat as other girls."

Students who live in Arrington, Bushnell or Randolph will have to go through displaced homesteading. According to the residence life Web site, displaced homesteading gives students that are not able to remain in their current room for any reason a chance to choose other accommodations on campus that are comparable to their current place.

All of the changes were proposed by and then carried on to Cedric Rucker, dean of student life along with the Vice President of Student Affairs, Douglas Searcy.

"It is not uncommon in a building's life for it to meet different needs," Christine Porter, director of residence life, said of the changes. "I have been here since 1999, and I have seen that it is a pretty standard practice."

According to Porter, all of the changes are likely to remain for at least a year.



Courtesy of Ashley Nixon

Sophomore Ashley Nixon was recently elected SGA President

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Viewpoints

Hample's Departure has A Hefty New Price Tag

In last week's Staff Editorial, we reported that Judy Hample is getting \$82,000 for doing nothing. We'd like to update you on that this week.

Judy Hample is getting \$299,000 for doing nothing.

The official Amended Employment Agreement between UMW and their now former president states that, on top of her remaining \$82,000 salary, "the University shall render to Dr. Hample a lump sum payment of \$217,000 by no later than July 15, 2010."

That's nearly \$300,000 to not be at the university. Does that make sense to anyone? If that same offer were made to a student, they would certainly sacrifice the Mary Washington experience for the bag of cash.

The Amended Employment Agreement does confirm that Hample will still go on sabbatical beginning April 1, and that she will also still be allowed to reside at Brompton through June 30.

However, we still don't know what Judy Hample did to deserve this extra \$217,000. Hample did agree not to take the tenured teaching position that is offered to presidents upon their departure, but her short reign as president and her lack of productivity in the position make us believe she didn't earn that money.

The agreement states that Hample cannot sue the university, and waives "any and all claims arising from or relating to Dr. Hample's employment with the University and/or the termination of Dr. Hample's presidency and tenure of any nature whatsoever".

In other words, Hample is receiving the aforementioned \$217,000 to go away and shut up. She is not allowed to badmouth the university in any way, so it helps protect UMW from the bad publicity of a former president speaking ill of the school that used to employ them.

This is reminiscent of former UMW President

William Frawley, who spoke out against Mary Washington following his termination that stemmed from two separate DUI charges. It appears

that UMW would rather not go

through the negative publicity again, and they are willing to pay quite heavily to ensure that another Frawley-esque incident does not ensue.

We question the payment of these funds to a president who contributed very little to the university and, by all accounts, resigned of her own accord. Especially considering these trying economic times, is it really worth \$217,000 to ensure Hample doesn't talk bad about UMW on her way out?

It would seem obvious for one to assume that when a president and a university split, that there may be bad feelings between the two. Any statements a president makes while departing should thus be taken with a grain of salt.

That "sum payment" could go to a much worse cause that would help improve some aspect of the university. Instead of paying a former member of the school who left voluntarily, use the money to help an educational department that is lacking funds, or even send money toward a club who is struggling to keep afloat. But throwing around that much cash to keep someone quiet just doesn't make sense.

Staff Editorial

Single or Taken, Life Good for Post-Grads

I guess this is where the "Single" in the column's title comes into play. Thanks to Corey and Topanga Matthews on *Boy Meets World*, I always thought I would meet that "special someone" in high school or college.

We'd date through all the good and bad times, and eventually we'd get married during a special one-hour episode with our favorite teacher from high school, who happened to follow us to college, in attendance.

But life didn't really go that way, and I am graduating as a single lady (complete with the one-shoulder leotard and Bob Fosse-inspired dance), while others are graduating engaged.

While I'm elated for my friends and acquaintances and congratulate them wholeheartedly, personally I need to be selfish for the next couple of years. As I wrote a few weeks ago, I still don't know what exactly I want to do with my life, and therefore, the range of possibilities is endless. Those possibilities may take me somewhere far, and I'm happy knowing that I could do that easily, providing I have the financial means.

I'll be honest. I used to think at one point anyone who got engaged in college was crazy, and that no one could truly know who they wanted to spend the rest of their life with before getting a diploma.

Starting junior year, Facebook began to in-

form me that wedding bells were in the future of so-and-so, while my status remained "single."

I think it was the little ten year-old in me who had watched TGIF on ABC every Friday night looking around and realizing that I hadn't met my Corey Matthews. I never planned on getting engaged in college, but I always thought that since I didn't have a serious relationship in high school, that I would find that in college instead.

In the last two years, I've seen many friends of mine graduate without a fiancé, or even a boyfriend, and they're doing wonderfully. I have a friend who is living the dream in New York City, working for a record label. Another friend got a graduate degree from UVA and now works for the FBI, and is dating a great guy she met when she was at UVA.

On the other hand, I know lots of people who got engaged while in college who have since graduated and are doing just as great.

When I looked around and saw that all these people were happy with their lives, it was then I realized, hey, it's okay. It's worked out for my friends, and it's going to work out for me. It's also when I realized that it was going to work out for my engaged friends, too.

We all have different paths in life that we're meant to take. For some, it's a walk down the aisle earlier than others. But regardless of when or if that happens for each person, life is still good.

SINGLE WHITE UNEMPLOYED FEMALE



By Emilie Begin

Cuccinelli's Letter Divides Students at UMW

Con: Cuccinelli Letter Based on Moral Majority Ideology and Prejudice, Not Reason and Law

By ERIC STEIGLEDER
Assistant News Editor

It would be an understatement to say that Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's written advice to public universities was controversial. His opinion, as outlined in his widely disseminated letter, suggests that the "law and public policy of the Commonwealth of Virginia prohibit[s] a college or university from including 'sexual orientation,' 'gender identity,' 'gender expression,' or like classification as a protected class."

This excerpt is nothing but inflammatory because it directly addresses one of the most divisive issues we must confront as a university, state and nation: homosexuality.

Following the activist firestorm that erupted across college campuses throughout Virginia, many jumped to defend Cuccinelli's letter. They have argued that Cuccinelli released this letter on purely legalistic grounds in order to persuade public universities to alter their policies so that they would fall more in line with established Virginia Law.

Supporters have attempted to place Cuccinelli in the ill-fitting mold of the disinterested politician, making decisions based on reason and law, as opposed to ideology or prejudice. Cuccinelli, they say, was simply offering an objective opinion in his official position as the Attorney General.

Or so he'd have us believe. The truth is, what Cuccinelli has attempted to pass off as wonkish legal wrangling, is nothing more than "moral majority" hoopla (and poorly disguised hoopla at that). Proof of this claim is readily available.

For instance, in his letter, Cuccinelli invokes (and quotes) the Virginia Human Rights Act as his primary legal backing. The act protects a wide array of people based on certain criteria, but two groups, sexual orientation and veteran status, are noticeably lacking.

Virginia Tech, VCU, UVA, George Mason and CNU specifically include veterans as a protected group in their official non-discrimination policies. While not directly mentioned in the UMW Anti-Discrimination Policy, veterans are listed twice in the Bias and Incident Reporting Policy.

Yet Cuccinelli's letter is sorely lacking in its indictment of 'Veteran Status' as a protected group. Because veterans are not explicitly mentioned in the Virginia Human Rights Act, Cuccinelli ought to be railing against our veterans just as nonchalantly as he has railed against homosexuals.

And yet he isn't.

It's hard to make a fair, legalistic argument when you have all that hypocrisy in your eyes. Like it or not, you can't have it both ways.

Either Cuccinelli made a legal faux pas, selectively applying the law to one area while making sure to deny its presence in another and leading, of course, to questions of his ability and legal know-how.

Or, Ken Cuccinelli is, quite frankly, a bigot.

Then again, what are we to expect from the man who, during his Campaign for Attorney General, told the *Virginian-Pilot* that homosexual acts are "inherently wrong...I happen to think that it represents behavior that is not healthy to an individual and in aggregate is not healthy to society." With all due respect, Virginia voters, we should have seen this one coming.

Ken Cuccinelli was elected to the Office of the Attorney General. For better or worse, he is our lawyer. It is his job to protect us, using the legal system to benefit and defend the very people that hired him for the position that he now occupies.

And what will be his lasting legacy? He stood on the wrong side of history, arms crossed, and emphatically denied what was right.

Pro: In Writing his Letter, Cuccinelli Opens Door for a New Change in the Policies of the Virginia Human Rights Act

By THOMAS BOWMAN
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

Overall reaction to Ken Cuccinelli's recent letter to schools asking them to remove "sexual orientation" as a class protected from discrimination has been one of outrage.

One paper called it a "step backwards" for Virginia. James Callahan Jr., a former Republican state senator currently sitting on the Board of Visitors at George Mason University, even called his statement "reprehensible."

The letter from Cuccinelli, attorney general of Virginia, asserts that public state colleges and universities are subject to the Code of Virginia, which does not recognize sexual orientation as a protected class. He argues that state schools have usurped Virginia law and do not have the authority to recognize these classifications.

The frustrating thing about his argument is that it's legally sound and backed up with precedents set by past Supreme Court of Virginia decisions. Since the issue was first brought to the Virginia General Assembly in 1997, the legislature has voted against amending the human rights clause 25 times. That's over two times a year.

Cuccinelli's letter was not stating anything new, but rather affirming the state's authority over its institutions of higher learning. Therefore, the claim that our state has taken a step backwards is wrong, since Virginia hasn't taken any initial steps forward to begin with.

In his letter, he asks the reader to "consider this letter as the opinion and advice of the Office of the Attorney General." As opinion, this letter carries no legal weight, and Cuccinelli knows it is unenforceable.

To win an election in Virginia, you must attract the most moderate voters. However, to win in the primary, you must maintain the support of your base. If Cuccinelli faces a primary challenge from the right, he could lose his party's nomination and be unable to run for re-election as a Republican.

To avoid this dilemma, from time to time he will

have to do things to appease his conservative base. This letter is one of them. He understands that the colleges won't listen to his opinion, and he can do nothing to enforce this law. His intention was merely to make a gesture to conservatives.

Contrary to this firestorm of criticism, Cuccinelli's letter is probably one of the best things to happen to Virginia's gay community. In this most recent state legislative session, two bills, which defined sexual orientation and proposed to include it in the Human Rights Act of the Code of Virginia, were struck down. House bill HB 1287 was killed in committee and Senate bill SB 66 was voted down on the floor of the Virginia General Assembly.

Whether Cuccinelli meant to or not, his letter has brought this issue to the citizen's attention. When the legislature can see the outrage over it, they will be under enormous pressure to pass the next bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.

In a roundabout way, this letter has the potential to make everybody happy. In sending it, he can remain loyal to the conservative base. But it has also raised awareness over the injustice of the law (or lack thereof).

As awareness is raised, more people will pressure their legislators to include sexual orientation in the Code of Virginia's Human Rights Act. If it is included, Virginia will have then made the first step forward on the issue of gay rights. Eventually, this will help to open the doors for the legalization of gay marriage and other issues relevant to the gay community.

If we want to send Cuccinelli a message of outrage and anger over his comments, we would have the most effect by writing to our local state legislators and asking them to pass a bill adding sexual orientation to the Human Rights Act.

If such a bill were to pass, Cuccinelli's legal opinion will be made moot, the schools will be in adherence to the Code of Virginia and the gay community would be handed a potentially significant human rights victory.

A complete list of legislators and their e-mail addresses can be found online at <http://legis.state.va.us/>

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Viewpoints

According to Amanda...

The Unexpected Benefits of Being an iPhone User

BY AMANDA BOCCUTI
Columnist

I have unintentionally become one of those people: an iPhone person.

It all started when my old phone broke the mutual agreement that we had. My phone would turn off, I would be patient and eventually it

would come around and turn back on. I was patient because, hey, we all get a little fussy sometimes.

One day, though, my phone apparently had it. It turned off and never turned back on. Not only did I feel betrayed, but I also felt cut off. My first reaction was to call my parents to let them know what happened. Without my phone, though, that wasn't going to happen.

So, through a series of e-mails, my dad talked me into getting an iPhone. When he first suggested it, I thought he was kidding. I have serious butter fingers when it comes to cell phones. It's why I was so patient with my old phone — I figured it deserved a little space since I dropped it more than I should have.

Getting an expensive phone seemed silly, if not for my butter fingers, then for the fact that I'm not really into fancy phone technology. As long as it could make phone calls and send text messages, I would be happy. The iPhone seemed excessive.

Nonetheless, after multiple e-mails from both my dad and brother (both proud owners of iPhones), I took the plunge and bought an iPhone. In the end, what convinced me was my brother's angle that the iPhone was an investment. What can I say? He swayed me.

When my iPhone finally came in the mail, I was so worried about dropping it, that I kept it in small zipper pouch filled with bubble wrap. Not exactly functional. Two days of constantly

rewrapping the phone in bubble wrap convinced me that I needed a case.

I troled around online and found a thick, textured rubber case that promised me it would provide good grip, and bounce in the event of a spill. I figured the case and the thought of seeing my last summer paycheck bounce on the pavement would be enough to keep me firmly holding onto the phone.

Next came the installation of "apps." For a few weeks, I resisted downloading any applications. It seemed silly. I didn't need them. Then it occurred to me that it was, perhaps, sillier that I wasn't actually using the phone I had just spent a substantial amount of money on.

But the problem with me is that I'm a person of extremes. I went from having only the standard apps to having upwards of twenty. I was amazed by how many free applications were available to download.

I also linked all of my e-mail accounts to the mail application. Now, I can check my e-mail anytime, anywhere, provided there's wireless internet to pick up. Now, when I wake up at 3 a.m. to get a drink of water, I check my e-mail, just because I can.

Even though I'm now using my iPhone to its full potential, I have to wonder if it's really that good for me. Especially considering I almost walked into a lamppost the other day while feeding my virtual fish.

Boy Meets Girl



Boy Meets Girl is on hiatus this week, but will be back next week with more words of wisdom from the *Bullet*'s own advice couple.

The Reopened Underground Lacks Quality Students Were Anticipating

By LINDLEY ESTES
Guest Columnist

Reopened to the University of Mary Washington community after closing for over two years for the renovation of Lee Hall, the Underground, once a staple of student life at the university, is experiencing a lackluster return.

Students believe that food prices are too high, and the service takes much too long.

"Eight dollars for lunch is ridiculous," Sophomore Erin Kenderish said. "I'm a college student. I don't have that kind of money to spend on a sandwich."

The most popular sandwich, the Alvey, runs for \$6.99 by itself, and is the most expensive sandwich on the menu. The least expensive sandwich is sold for \$5.49. With two sides, they now come to two meal swipes, or around \$8.

The Underground is now also accepting meals this semester in addition to Flex, EagleOne and cash. The lines are now too long for the staff to keep up with, and at lunchtime the Underground often runs out of sandwiches.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and during the dinner rush, lines will sometimes stretch all the way to the doors.

"I've had to wait a really long time," Junior Catzybitz Pitzvada said. "But the food is really good, so I don't mind so much."

Pitzvada is glad the Underground is now using meals.

"I always have them left over, and now I can use them," he said.

However, food service is not the Underground's primary goal.

"The Underground was established as a programming space, which also included a food operation," Kori Dean, general manager of UMW Dining Services, said. "Therefore, while the food space does generate revenue, our ultimate goal for the space is to allow the food operation to break-even."

Vegans and vegetarians are also less than happy with the food at the Underground.

"What bothers me is that most of the sandwiches are already made with cheese, so you can't ask for a substitute," Sophomore Sasha Clark said. "I think the Underground should provide soy cheese as an option for a sandwich topping. This would not only be great for vegans, but for people who are lactose intolerant."

The salads that were recently taken off the menu due to lack of interest were also premade, each with meat.

Some students are completely satisfied with the food offered at the Underground and eat there often.

"They have the best food on campus," Sophomore Ian Huff said.

Underground events range from Bingo Night to unknown musical acts like Rob Blackledge to comedians. Bingo has been the most popular event since the Underground reopened.

"I only go because of the prizes," Junior Kyle Shearin said. "I think it's that way with most people. I don't really like the food there, so Bingo is the only real draw for me."

On Tuesday nights beginning at 9 p.m. the Underground has open mic night, often hosted by Aubade, the campus literary magazine. However, Chelsea Newnam, a senior and editor-in-chief of Aubade, finds mixed results for attendance.

Giant Entertainment sponsors most of the events held in The Underground. They find that space is the main issue for The Underground, followed closely by sparse attendance.

"The shows are really hit or miss," Sophomore Kelly Miralles said. "I think it depends on the day of the week and the name [of the performer]. Sometimes it's a full house if we've done a really good job at getting the word out about an event, and other times it isn't packed at all."

Miralles said the Underground is the perfect setup for comedians, but less than perfect for musical acts.

While the Underground has a concept that college students want and is a definite asset to the UMW community, the recent operations leave more to be desired.



Condoms, Condoms, Condoms: the Juicy Details About Good Rubbers

Don't be a fool, cover your tool. No glove, no love. Cover your stump before you hump. Put it on to get it on. If you go into heat, package your meat. The right selection will protect your erection. You can't go wrong if you wrap your dong.

No matter how you say it, using a condom is tremendously important. Some people argue that condoms reduce pleasure. But while condoms may slightly alter the feeling of completely natural sex, one can compensate that difference and double the pleasure with a properly fitted condom.

There are a wide variety of condoms available to suit each couple's needs. In fact, some condoms enhance sexual experiences. There are a few things to keep in mind when purchasing condoms: lubrication, fit, scent and texture.

-Lubrication: Although consuming lubricants is not harmful, non-lubricated condoms work well for oral sex. Flavored condoms are great for oral sex, too. Trustex flavored condoms are safe for oral, vaginal and anal sex. They come in lots of fun flavors, such as banana, strawberry, mint and chocolate.

If you choose to apply your own lube on a non-lubricated condom, be sure to use water-based lube, because oil-based lube can break latex condoms. Likewise, do not use lotion or Vaseline as a lubricant. Recently, Lifestyles and Trojan both debuted condoms that have lubrication on both the inside and out. This creates extra pleasurable sensations for each partner.

Lubrication not only makes for a more pleasurable experience, but also helps the female last longer. For some people, lube can prevent the vagina from drying up too quickly from the friction created during sex. Without lube, long-lasting sex with a condom can irritate the vagina.

-Fit: The snugness of a condom can greatly enhance your sexual experience. Both tighter and loose-fitted condoms can be quite pleasurable in different ways. (A condom should not be so loose that it slips off. By loose, I mean condoms that include extra room for the head of the penis.) The upper section of some condoms have a twisted, bulging area that creates more sensations and

friction during intercourse.

On the other hand, tighter, more snug condoms can offer a sexual experience that rivals sex without a condom. If your partner is willing to deal with the tighter grip without cutting off too much circulation, I highly recommend "Lifestyles Snuggler Fit" and "Iron Grip Condoms."

-Scent: I have found that some condom brands

brands that are not only genuinely unscented, but are also superb, form-fitting thin condoms.

-Texture: Most condom brands offer a ribbed or studded version of their product. Some people find the extra texture and friction to be too abrasive, while others enjoy the added sensations. "Test driving" a few different types can be good to see what suits you and your partner best.

Also related to texture is thinness. Few condoms make one feel as close to their lover as Kimono and Beyond Seven condoms. These Japanese condoms are made of super-thin latex, yet still hold up to the strength of ordinary condoms. If you're not able to order these online, you can buy condoms of similar thinness and strength made by Lifestyles and Durex at your local drugstore.

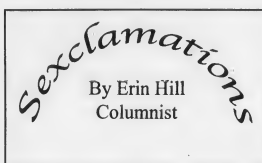
If you wish to jazz up your condoms and make them more fun and interesting, there are lots of options. Attaching a vibrating ring is a great way to make wearing a condom more stimulating. Vibrating rings are produced by several condom brands and can usually be purchased at your local drugstore, unlike sex toys and vibrators.

Turn your man's phallus into a magical, glowing wand with glow-in-the-dark condoms. Colored condoms are also lots of fun. Make sex more humorous with Obama, McCain and Palin condoms from practicesafepolice.com. "Protect your wood" and "Drive your balls further" with Tiger Woods condoms.

There are several high quality condom stores online that offer countless types of condom brands and styles. These websites frequently attempt to establish a rating system. While some of the ratings and customer reviews may be accurate and valuable, it is nearly impossible and somewhat unnecessary to label one condom as

superior over all others. What matters most is personal preference, proper usage, and effectiveness. If used correctly, any condom will do the job.

Remember that condoms are the only contraceptive that help prevent both pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (including HIV) when used properly and consistently.



I want to hear from YOU! Tell me what gets you "hot and bothered" in an online survey:

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Or, become a fan of Sexclimations on Facebook. The link to the survey will be posted there, too. Thank you!

Perhaps I have the keen nose of a hound dog and am the only woman who notices the repulsive scent of some condoms. However, if you, too, find the smell of condoms to be revolting, I recommend nearly any condom except Trojan. For some reason, Trojan condoms scream "I reek of unashamed, manly latex condomness!" Beyond Seven and Kimono condoms are both good

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Coming Up On The Big Screen

By KYLE SHEARIN
Staff Writer

As the year continues to trudge forward, it is becoming abundantly clear that no movie experience is complete until it is brought to us full third dimension glory. If the tremendous successes of "Avatar" and "Alice in Wonderland" are any indication of how much bank is to be made from this new trend, we are in for much more. But let's face it, not every movie can or should be rendered in this newfangled fashion. Worry not, while these movies might not come with cool paper glasses, they still show promise that the 2-D format of filmmaking is still worth watching.

"Hot Tub Time Machine"

March 26

After a night of heavy drinking in a hot tub, four friends (John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, and Clark Duke) inexplicably wake up in the year 1986. "Hot Tub Time Machine" premiered at Comic-Con last year and has slowly been building hype on the internet much like 2006's ridiculously titled "Snakes on a Plane." The absurd premise serves as a tribute to 80s classics such as "Weird Science" and "Teen Wolf" but is much raunchier as the film has garnered an 'R' rating. It's nice to see playful-

ness exhibited, but hopefully the movie's title isn't the only funny thing about the film.

"Greenberg"

March 26

Noah Baumbach's new movie stars Ben Stiller as an aimless, jobless New Yorker who moves to Los Angeles to house-sit for his more successful younger brother and reevaluate his own life. While there, he tries to reconnect with his former band-mate Ivan (Rhys Ifans) and becomes infatuated with his brother's assistant, Florence (Greta Gerwig). It's always great to see Ben Stiller act in serious roles, but newcomer Greta Gerwig might be the star that shines brightest on screen. A must if you're a Baumbach fan, as this looks to be one for the nuanced and awkward loving crowd.

"Leaves of Grass"

April 2

"Leaves of Grass" stars Edward Norton, a repressed college professor who returns home to Oklahoma after finding out his estranged twin brother (also played by Norton) was murdered in a pot deal gone terribly wrong. After arriving home, Norton finds out that his brother isn't actually dead, but just needs his help take down a local drug lord played by Richard Dreyfuss. One

Edward Norton performance usually garners its own attention, but given the film was praised endlessly by Roger Ebert and the double Norton roles, it's hard to have some interest.

"Clash of the Titans"

April 2

Inspired by Greek mythology, "Clash of the Titans" is a remake of the 1981 film of the same name. The movie follows Perseus (Sam Worthington), who was born a god but raised as a mortal, as he leads a group of men to fight evil demons, daunting beasts, and stop Hades (Ralph Fiennes) from taking over earth. Liam Neeson plays Zeus. The movie has been in development for the better part of the past decade, but finally settled with Louis Leterrier ("The Incredible Hulk") as director. "Clash of the Titans" probably won't use the memorable stop-motion animation that was featured in the original but will be given the 3-D treatment.

"Kick-Ass"

April 17

Having no superpowers, martial-arts training or extreme wealth, it's nearly impossible to be a full-fledged superhero. But try telling that to teenager Dave Lizewski (Aaron Johnson), who becomes a crime-fighting machine named "Kick-

Ass" after being inspired by his comic book heroes. He soon becomes a sensation that creates a sub-culture of vigilante superheroes played by Nicholas Cage, Chloe Moretz and "Superbad's" Christopher Mintz-Plasse. Given its high level of violence, vulgarity and refreshing take on the genre, "Kick-Ass" will definitely not be the typical comic-book movie.

Iron Man 2

May 7

The summer of 2008 was a good year for comic book movies. With the release of "Iron Man," "The Incredible Hulk" and "The Dark Knight" all being crowd pleasers and box-office smashes, it was the boost the super-hero genre needed. And so billionaire Tony Stark (Robert Downy Jr.) is back as everybody's favorite armored superhero Iron Man. Mickey Rourke plays the new Iron Man antagonist Whiplash, while Sam Rockwell will play a younger Justin Hammer, a rival for Stark. The first film enthralled critics and moviegoers alike with its special effects and refreshing take on the new franchise. Now, with the inclusion of fan favorite War Machine in action, Iron Man 2 is looking to replicate its first installment's success.

Buzz Sutherland to Bring Laughs to The Underground

By DREW CAMPBELL
Staff Writer

As the semester begins to wind down and the workload begins taking its toll, a release from these stresses is often healthy and much needed. One such release, should you feel in the mood for laughter, will be taking place tonight at 8 p.m. in the Underground where comedian Buzz Sutherland will be bringing his act to UMW.

Buzz Sutherland hails from St. Louis, Mo. and is known for bringing an original and creative set to the stage for each and every performance. Sutherland's stand up includes a multitude of impressions, one of which is a hilarious take on Donald Duck. Known for his clean act, Sutherland still provides laughs to his audience through impersonations, weird facial expressions that border on the realm of physical comedy, and

satire of Southern American culture as well as popular culture. Buzz Sutherland is known for having two distinct comedic acts: one in which he is a sort of "corporate entertainer," playing at meetings and business events, and the other is that of a college circuit comedian. Sutherland



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professionally tailors his style and delivery based on which of the two venues he is performing. Having performed on HBO's "Comic Relief," MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Show," and a spot on CMT's "Greatest Redneck Moments II", Sutherland is not without experience in inducing laughter. So, if you are interested in relieving any end-of-year stress and wouldn't mind enjoying

a clean-cut yet hilarious comedy act, then head on over to the Underground at 8:00 p.m. tonight for what is sure to be a gut-bustingly funny event.



Bullet Points

Thursday, March 18

- Comedian Buzz Sutherland at the Underground at 8 p.m.
- Animated classic "Toy Story" is being shown on a big screen on Ball Circle as part of Junior Ring Week festivities at 7:00 p.m.
- Cheap Seats is showing "The Blind Side," starring Best Actress Sandra Bullock, about the heart-warming story of Michael Oher. Admission is \$1. Movie starts at 7:00 p.m. in Lee 411.

Friday, March 19

- SafetySuit, an alt-rock from Tulsa, OK, is playing a rescheduled show at the Great Hall at 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by OSACS, the concert is free.
- String Theory, a string trio from Northern Virginia, is playing at the Underground after the Safety-Suit show at 9:30 p.m.
- Cheap Seats is showing "It's Complicated," starring Meryl Streep, Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin is showing in Lee 411 at 7:00 p.m. "The Blind Side" will be shown again, at 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 20

- Cheap Seats showing "The Blind Side" and "It's Complicated" at 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- Junior Ring Week Dance at 9:00 p.m. at Great Hall. Boogie down and pick up your commemorative glass (juniors only).

Sunday, March 21

- The UMW Flute Ensemble (who knew?) is hosting a flute festival at 3:00 p.m. in Pollard 1301.

Monday, March 22

- Trivia night at the Underground, starting at 8:00 p.m. It's not as fun as bingo night, but still pretty fun.

Tuesday, March 23

- GALL Poetry Slam at the Underground at 9:00 p.m. Bring your rhymes.
- The Fredericksburg Forum, the biannual lecture series, continues this semester with broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff. Tickets are required for the event, which starts at 8:00 p.m. Call 540-654-1065

Wednesday, March 24

- Showing and discussion of independent film "America, the Beautiful," a filmmaker's exploration of beauty in America will take place in Lee 411 at 6:00 p.m.
- Bingo night at the Underground. Apparently it's a lot more fun than the Bullet gives it credit for.

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Find Your Inner Nerd With 'Big Bang Theory'

By **BRENDAN OUDEKERK**
Staff Writer

Even though we don't like to admit it, we all have some incriminating evidence of our own secret inner nerd: whether it's that "Battlestar Galactica" backgrounds on our computers that rotate every so often or the Mr. Spock poster hanging above our bed at home. Or maybe that's just me.

We all have some tiny bit of nerd deep down in our personalities that we're a little ashamed of, but CBS's smash sitcom "The Big Bang Theory" is here to help us get in touch

with our nerdiest tendencies.

The show follows the lives of four research scientists living in Los Angeles trying to make leaps into the realm of social normalcy. Their neighbor, Penny (Kaley Cuoco), assists them in trying to assimilate into mainstream culture by having them partake in such activities as watching football and dating.

However, the show isn't all about them attempting to be "normal." They have plenty of nerdy adventures on their own. Once you see the show, it becomes obvious that the breakout character is Sheldon (Jim Parsons), who tends to have the majority of the quips that put the dim-witted persons they encounter back in their place.

When first watching the show, I was skeptical of its brand of comedy. I was especially wondering how it managed to become the 16th highest viewed show on television, beating out shows I adore, such as "30 Rock" and even "The Office." With so much success, I wondered why I had never even heard of it.

After watching an episode (that my TiVo so helpfully suggested I view), I felt like the show was a little too much—it was very cerebral and a little too nerdy even for me. After I gave it another chance and tried to have a more open mind, I really began to enjoy the show. The writing is strong, the actors play their parts well, and I enjoy all the nerdy references that pop up in each episode.

Even if you haven't heard of "The Big Bang Theory," it's certainly worth viewing once or twice. Obviously many people enjoy it, and you might too. The show airs Mondays at 9:30 p.m. on CBS.

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'The Blind Side' Hits Cheap Seats Hard

By **ERIN DYWER**
Staff Writer

Sometimes, the movie going public does not need to think of their cinematic experience. Instead, craving an emotional release, they want to laugh, cry, and root for the underdog team, which sums up "The Blind Side," showing at Cheap Seats this weekend.

The film, based off the true story of Michael Oher, offensive lineman for the Baltimore Ravens, details and recounts the struggles of his youth and how he emerged from disadvantaged origins to become a player for the NFL.

Starring Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw and Kathy Bates, the movie focuses on the close relationship between Bullock's character, Leigh Anne Tuohy, and her adopted son, Michael, played by promising newcomer Quinton Aaron.

Promoted as a football movie akin to "Remember the Titans" and "Friday Night Lights," the film is more concentrated on the family dynamic between mother and son rather than Michael's football career, which works in its favor. The cast, especially Bullock, deliver thoughtful performances, reeling the spectators

in with Southern hospitality and sympathy for their challenges. There are many adorable, tear-jerking scenes provided by Bullock and Aaron, especially the one displaying Michael bench pressing his adopted little brother and closest friend. While the screenplay breaks no new

ground with its somewhat clichéd plot, the selling point of "The Blind Side" is its ability to take material that could have been trite and melodramatic and instead create compelling characters that really connect with the audience.

Sentimentality aside, the film also reinforces every stereotype in the book. There is something uneasy about the white, upper-class folks rescuing the poor African American from the ghetto. Race is not explored with the depth required to make this a great film. Furthermore, the simple plot slows under the

extensive two-hour running time. However, "The Blind Side" never pretends to be more than it is, which is a family-oriented heartwarming story, without challenging norms or making overwhelming statements on the human condition. By borrowing old material, but executing it nearly perfectly, it will leave viewers with smiles and optimistic, feel-good attitudes, reaching and surpassing the modest goals of a sports movie.



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SOAD's Serj Tankian 'Elects The Dead'...Again

By **MISSAK ARTINIAN**
Staff Writer

It's been four years since System of a Down announced their indefinite hiatus and fans of the genre-bending, Grammy Award winning rock band are still left in the dark on when the four members will reunite, if ever at all. However, System of a Down's uncertain future hasn't stopped frontman Serj Tankian from pursuing his own independent projects.

Tankian released his first solo album in 2007 titled, "Elect the Dead," for which he wrote all the lyrics and played a majority of the instruments himself. He produced it under his own record label, Serjical Strike. The album garnered both critical and commercial accolades for its poetic lyrics and unique melodies.

In 2009, Tankian collaborated with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and reinterpreted every song off his album by stripping down the rock elements and adding new layers of sound by way of orchestral strings, symphonic brass and

acoustic instruments. He performed live at the Auckland Town Hall in Auckland, New Zealand on March 16, 2009. A CD/DVD of Tankian's performance was released early this month.

The live performance, which featured a 70-piece orchestra, sounds more elegant and grandiose than anything Tankian has ever performed. His signature, operatic voice suits the softer melodies accompanied by piano, acoustic guitars, and strings better than the guitar riffs and heavy drums that we're accustomed to hearing alongside Tankian's voice.

The standout tracks of the night include the reworked "Empty Walls," "Beethoven's C#m," "Feed Us," and two previously unheard songs, "Gate 21" and "The Charade."

As for new projects, Tankian is currently co-writing a musical with the American playwright Steven Sater based on Prometheus Bound, the Ancient Greek tragedy. He is also working on his second solo album, which is slated for release later this year.

In a recent interview, when asked if there's any

chance System of a Down will ever return, Tankian said, "There's a chance it might rain today, there's a chance it might be sunny." Tankian seems to be doing just fine alone, so here's hoping the rain lasts a little longer.



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Tegan and Sara's Emotional Ride

By **MATT BLAKLEY**
Staff Writer

Produced by Chris Walla and Howard Redekopp, Tegan and Sara's sixth album "Sainthood" dropped in late 2009 boasting the same

organized sound that they've grown to perfect. The two sisters have given us 13 more songs of conjured emotion to bob our heads to—and rightfully so.

The first track, "Arrow," conveys tangible intimacy, the third track, "Hell," confronts the prevalent human emotion of apprehension, and as expected, the fourth track, "On Directing," kicks us in the face with aspects of a controlling relationship.

What is most surprising to me in "Sainthood" is how some of the songs sound like 80s pop. Pitchfork, a leading music website for music videos, rankings and reviews, said "tracks like 'Don't Rush,' 'Hell,' 'The Cure' and 'The Ocean' count as power-pop, but tightly wound as they are, they're closer to high-strung 1980s new wave (think: Missing Persons)," which is a fairly new direction the girls are going in since cultivating it with their last album, "The Con." Be-

cause of this revert, listeners should be aware that most of "Sainthood" sounds like a continuation of "The Con." But that doesn't mean there aren't surprises or no growth.

The album "continues to showcase the pair's confidence and peculiarities," says Pitchfork,

highlighting their "closed aperture" and "slightly sharper focus." Albeit, a clearer image or song. Each song not only relays a sharper image but its organizational aspects are phenomenal. In their genre it's easy for songs to get a little messy (although their touring with Paramore, many of Paramore's songs are a good example of messy).

But what Pitchfork points out is their cleanliness. Each word fits with the beat that leads to the chorus perfectly, playing with amazing ambiguity and emotion. The songs are cohesive, even if their subject matter is messy. "A broadcast from two idiosyncratic musical minds whose biggest talent may be in making their most eccentric traits sound downright normal" says Pitchfork. This gives "Sainthood" the edge that it not only needs but that we expect from the Quill twins. The type of edge that reaches out and ignites a blazing connection with their listeners.



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SafetySuit Brings Sensitivity to UMW

By **DAVID TINDELL**
Staff Writer

SafetySuit, an alternative rock band all the way from Tulsa, Okla., will be performing this Friday in the Great Hall at 8:00 p.m. The event is hosted by Giant Productions and admission is free.

SafetySuit is a relatively new band, most widely known for their 2008 hit, "Someone Like You" off their major label album "Life Left to Go." Their single "Stay" topped at No. 1 on VH1's Top 20 Countdown. Douglas Brown (vocals, rhythm guitar), Dave Garofalo (guitar), Jeremy Henshaw (bass) and Tate Cunningham

(drums) create the soft pop-rock magic. SafetySuit's rock has a very soft commercial sound with an attempt to nail a "U2" depth, so expect mellow guitars and over-dramatic lyrics.

How many songs does it take to make an album? For SafetySuit, it takes three. For those who hate variety, a defining feature about this all-male menagerie is that every song on "Life Left to Go" is either a love song, a break up song or an "I miss you" song. But if YouTube is any indication, SafetySuit should sound spot on like their album. People who like their tour buddies 3 Doors Down, Collective Soul, Seether, and Ryan Star should find themselves staying past curfew with SafetySuit with the rest of the teenage girls.

Features



Courtesy of Nate Finney

Senior geography major Nate Delano plays cards with a group of native Mayan children in Guatemala as a part of a trip he took with his class.

Students Learn Mayan Culture

Geography Professor Dana Bowen Took the Students in her 'Mayan Survival in the 21st Century' Class to Guatemala for Spring Break

By **BRIAN DONOHUE**
Staff Writer

Geography professor Dawn Bowen and the members of her Mayan survival in the 21st century course spent spring break in Guatemala.

The Maya account for more than 50 percent of the total population in Guatemala. The purpose of the trip was to illustrate how Maya culture continues to survive in post civil war Guatemala and the modern world.

The group of students arrived on Saturday, Feb. 27 and had lunch in Guatemala City, followed by a visit to the Catholic Human Rights Office.

The trip, according to senior Nate Delano, is a truth commission set up

to investigate massacres that occurred during the nation's 36-year-long Civil War.

They discussed the Mayan cultural implications that have arisen as a result of the war.

The Guatemalan Civil War began in 1960. A mostly Mayan insurgency fought a guerrilla war against the Guatemalan army until 1996.

During these years approximately 200,000 people were killed. According to the Human Rights Commission, 93 percent of the atrocities committed during the war were committed by the Guatemalan Security Forces.

On Sunday the group went to Cobán, attended a Catholic Mass, did some sight-seeing, and played a soccer

game against some local Guatemalans. The UMW group lost.

On Monday the group traveled with Guide Rob Cahill to Bezeleel, a school outside of Cobán. Cahill took the group on a tour of the grounds, which includes a large and diverse organic garden tended by the school's students.

The garden was relevant to the work being done in Sanim'taqa, the Maya village they would visit the next day.

"I learned a lot about the practical applications of agricultural development," Delano said, who plans on joining the Peace Corps after graduation.

Later that evening, the group met

with human rights students from the local university, a professor and a priest, who explained how Cobán was never colonized by the Spanish, but was instead colonized by Dominican Catholic missionaries. Later on a Mayan Priest shared some Mayan creation stories with the group.

They spent an hour in the backs of pick-up trucks on their way to Sanim'taqa, a remote Maya village. In the village the group met with elementary aged students. Again they played soccer, this time they managed to win against far younger opponents. Go America!

The students stayed with host families, two students per house. After dinner they spent time getting to know

their host families.

"At times it was difficult to communicate with the host families because some spoke Spanish, most spoke [Q'eqchi'], an indigenous Mayan language, and no one could speak English," Delano said.

However, Delano still remembered the people as the most memorable.

"Hanging out with the host families was the best part of the trip. They work the land all day and then come home and spend time with their family at night. They are content and happy," he said.

On Wednesday the group went on a hike through the nearby cloud forest.

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Dining on a Dime

"Bailey's Brownies"

By **Brynn Boyer**

*Bailey's and chocolate in the same dessert?
There is nothing left to say.*

Ingredients:

1 box Betty Crocker Fudge Brownie mix
¼ cup water

1/3 cup vegetable oil
2 eggs

½ cup Bailey's Irish Cream or 1 to 2 50ml bottles

Directions:

1. Heat the oven and prepare pan as directed.
2. Add the water and eggs as directed. Only use half the amount of oil that the box calls for; in this case you should only add 1/3 cup.
3. Add ½ cup Bailey's or 1-2 50ml bottles
4. Bake as directed, depending on the size pan you use.



Brynn Boyer/Bullet

These Irish creme brownies are the perfect St. Patrick's Day treat.

Features

New Sports Bar Draws Crowd



Ashley Jacoby/Bullet

By **ASHLEY JACOBY**
Staff Writer

A new sports bar, The Green Turtle Bar and Grille opened in December in the Spotsylvania Towne Center.

Born in 1976 in Ocean City Maryland, the Green Turtle started out as a cozy bar where people could grab a bite to eat and relax with friends.

After 34 years the Green Turtle has become a large franchise with 26 locations in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. The decision to bring the Green Turtle to Fredericksburg was well thought out.

"They saw that [Spotsylvania Towne Center] was a growing area

with a large potential of expansion and opportunity," Andy Atkinson said, a manager at the Green Turtle.

The menu keeps this sports bar and grill busy seven days a week.

The meal choices include wings, sliders, appetizers, soups and salads, burgers, sandwiches and wraps, entrees, and desserts.

The flatbread pizzas are one of the most popular appetizers on the menu. They come in multiple tasty flavors such as BBQ Chicken, Pepperoni, Buffalo Chicken, and Crab. The sliders are also a favorite.

As for the entrées, there is an assortment of American classics including the NY Strip Steak, Teriyaki Salmon, and the O.C. Crab Cake. My roommate and I tried out the Spicy

Philly Steak Wrap and the Santa Fe Burger. I originally was expecting a Philly Cheese Steak in a wrap but got something more delicious!

The portion was not heavy like I expected, and I definitely had room for the steak fries provided as a side. The wrap was satisfying without being overly filling. The Philly Cheese Steak Wrap consists of ground beef "(Philly-style)", with fried onions, cheddar-jack cheese, lettuce, tomato and spicy ranch dressing.

The Santa Fe Burger was equally tasty. This big burger is taco seasoned, slathered in Pico de Gallo, pepper-jack cheese and bottle cap jalapenos on top to add to the flavor. We thoroughly enjoyed our choices.

Because of the large menu, there truly

is "something for everyone." The prices are very fair and the Green Turtle welcomes families with children by offering a "children's menu."

They also have a \$5 "Everyday/Anytime" value menu, which consists of burgers, chicken flatbread pizzas, cheeseburger sliders, chicken quesadillas, and a buffalo chicken sandwich. If you are hungry at anytime of the day and don't want to pay for a full meal, this deal is perfect. The atmosphere at Green Turtle is very welcoming and laidback. At each booth in the dining area there are small flat-screen televisions so that you don't have to look up uncomfortably during your meal to catch the game or whatever show they may have playing above you.

Customers are able to change the channel and adjust the volume so that you can truly enjoy your meal and not depend on whatever is playing in the restaurant to entertain you.

For those 21+, the Green Turtle has an expansive bar area separate from the dining room. There are many big screen TV's for those who want to catch sporting events and enjoy a drink at the same time. Their "Beef Up Your Beer" campaign features \$1 domestic drafts and \$1.50 imports. Their happy hour is until 7, with specials on beers and mixed drinks.

Since it's opening, this addition to the restaurant scene has been very busy so come early to get a table.

Bringing an End to the R-Word

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Courtesy of specialolympics.org

By **EMMA CARONE**
Staff Writer

"Spread the Word to End the Word Day," commenced on March 3 to raise awareness about the degrading and hurtful uses of the word "retarded."

Many UMW chapters such as Best Buddies and Special Olympics participated in pledge drives and campaigns. They asked schools, organizations and communities to be part of a conscious effort to stop using the R-word by making a pledge at their website, www.r-word.org.

Best Buddies is a non profit volunteer outreach program with 1,500 chapters worldwide devoted to creating job opportunities and fostering one-on-one friendships for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Casey Dodrill, a freshman and ac-

tive member of Best Buddies at UMW advertised for the event by printing out fliers, creating a facebook event and painting the rock.

"The main goal is for people to realize that the word is hurtful, even if they don't realize it," she said. "It hurts family members too, not just the people with the disability itself."

The goal of both the groups is to reach 100,000 pledges throughout the month of March.

Members of Best Buddies set up a table on Ball Circle, handing out information to students on campus and encouraging them to pledge online.

"It was a great opportunity to spread awareness," Chelsea Brown said, who is a senior and the Best Buddies club president. "We even had some people come tell us how happy they were that we were out there and spreading the word."

Best Buddies also encouraged

pledgers to sign a banner, which now hangs in the Washington Diner entrance of Seacobeck Hall. It was signed by 176 students and faculty, and serves as a promise to the community to be more aware and conscious about using the derogatory term.

Best Buddies regularly matches up students with adults in the community who have intellectual and developmental disabilities with the goal of creating long lasting friendships.

The club also sponsors monthly events for students and their buddies to get together and hang out, such as holiday dances, dinners and trips to Washington D.C.

Best Buddies is also holding a fundraiser on Monday, March 22 to spread the word about Best Buddies does, and to raise money for the causes they support.

Spring Break Spent Learning

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Cloud forests are generally highland evergreen forest with a high occurrence of low level cloud cover.

The trail was established by Andrew McAfee, a Peace Corps volunteer and UMW alum, seeking to promote Eco-tourism with the help of local people. On their hike, they came across a couple of interesting things.

First they came across the boots of a person from Sanim'taqa massacred during the long conflict. The boots had been discovered and preserved during a Human Rights Commission investigation of the area.

The boots now sit aside the trail as a reminder of the human toll taken by the country's long Civil War. In Sanim'taqa 15 people died and 11 disappeared during the long conflict.

Second, they came across a pair of Quetzals. Quetzals are known for their vibrant coloration and elaborate tail feathers. They are revered throughout Guatemala and neighboring countries.

It is relatively rare that they should be observed in pairs. The Quetzal Guatemala's national bird,

It is mythologically a symbol to Mayan culture.

After the hike, the group returned to the village and taught the host families card games.

First, they taught War and then Egyptian Ratscrew, which they renamed "Oportunidades" because Egyptian Ratscrew was lost somewhere in translation. Senior Nate Finney brought pop rocks and introduced them to his Guatemalan friends with great success.

"I met a lot of good people," he said.

On Thursday the group left Sanim'taqa. As a gift they gave the village a number of water purifiers. This was, essentially, the extent of their humanitarian work in the country. They had intended on doing more, but timing made it difficult.

The group headed back to Cobán Thursday afternoon. They spent the

day on a coffee tour and an artisan fair where Delano bought an obsidian letter opener which he eventually broke and Mayan Jewelry to give to "his ladies," meaning his mom and sisters.

Friday morning the group got up and traveled four hours, again in the backs of pick-up trucks, to Chelcham Lodge, a cloud forest bird reserve in Alta Verapaz.

They hiked through the cloud forest and watched birds hoping to see and perhaps get pictures of another pair of Quetzals, but this time the birds didn't come.

Saturday morning the group headed



Courtesy of Nate Finney

A group of Mayan natives at one of the towns the students visited.

to Antigua where they would spend their final day and night. Delano said Antigua was a bit "touristy," but that they enjoyed a great meal and some great fireworks there.

Next year's geography trip will in-

clude student participation in a development project. If you would like more information about next year's trip, contact Bowen.

WASHINGTON, DC

Rapist Returns Halloween, Still Unsolved

For the past 13 years, a man has been hiding in the shadows of Northern Virginia, Maryland, and New England, studying women to learn every aspect of their lives. Once he learned their habits and environments, he trapped his victims and raped them. All of this can be found within The Washington Post, which on Tuesday gave a detailed account of his victims and police records, hoping to find the "East Coast Rapist". Using evidence from his 17 known crimes, police have linked DNA, methods of attack, and even common phrases used during the rapes to acquire as much evidence as possible, but have not yet been able to pinpoint specific suspects. The most recent of these attacks occurred on Halloween 2010, at a shopping center in Dale City, approximately 30 miles away from Fredericksburg. The attack was on three teenagers, who were hanging out outside a shopping center before a man came up to them threatening them with a gun, forcing them into a nearby wooded area. "He is a very bold, fearless predator," Sgt. Kim Chinn, a Prince William County police spokeswoman told the Post regarding the predator. "The concern is that he's out there, he's not going to stop until he's caught and the violence could get worse." (The Washington Post, March 16, 2010)

Healthcare Vote Approaching

The U.S. House of Representatives may vote on the healthcare bill this week. The bill, which was approved by the Senate last December, stalled during conference talks between the House and the Senate. Despite calls from Republicans to scrap the current legislation and start anew, Democrats have steadfastly refused. However, many House Democrats have expressed reluctance in voting for the Senate-approved bill. While many liberals dislike the lack of a public option, moderate to conservative Democrats decry the lack of strong pro-life language in the legislation. Following several House retirements and one death, Democrats now need 216 votes in the house to pass the bill. The hope has been that if the House approves the bill, the Senate will then approve amendments using Reconciliation, a budget-maneuver that would allow any changes to pass by a simple majority vote. (cnn.com, March 17, 2010)



TEXAS

Board of Education Proposes Curriculum Changes

On March 12, the Texas Board of Education passed a new social studies curriculum, which has been widely criticized as a conservative rewrite of history. The conservative faction on the board have been passing amendments for the past three months, with Friday's final decision splitting strictly down party lines. The changes the Board passed included a heightened emphasis on the American revival of conservatism in the 1980s and 1990s, the merits of American capitalism, the removal of Thomas Jefferson as an important 18th Century writer, and rejecting the historical separation of Church and State. The Republican members of the board expressed their feeling that history has suffered from an extreme liberal bias. Texas is one of the largest buyers of textbooks in the United States, increasingly the likelihood textbook manufacturers may include these changes in other textbooks. (The New York Times, March 12, 2010)

WASHINGTON, DC

College-Aged Students Target for Identity Theft

A survey recently found that 18-24-year-olds are most at risk for identity theft, due to freely giving information away over the internet. The "core millennial" group is due to the fact that younger adults are less likely to notice when they have been defrauded. The victims can be exploited by their predators for about five months, while it takes around 132 days to realize the theft. The survey, conducted by Javelin Strategy & Research, is a California-based company that studied the trends and effects of identity theft. "The 18-to-24 group is unique," James Van Dyke, president of Javelin Research, said to the Washington Post. They're going to college. They're away from home for the first time. They're sharing more information. More of their information is exposed. The old stereotype is true that people are sharing information willy-nilly and are waiting until they become a victim to listen to sound advice." It was reported that 55 percent of victims never discover how their information was stolen. (The Washington Post, March 17, 2010)

BERLIN, GERMANY

Officials Call for Abuse Inquiries Within Church

Since the beginning of the year, hundreds of abuse allegations have surrounded the Catholic Church in Europe, enticing officials in Germany and Ireland to hold inquiries regarding the sexual abuse of children. Cardinal Sean Brady used his St. Patrick's Day sermon to apologize for his role in hiding allegations against Father Brendan Smyth, who abused children for over 18 years. Monsignor Charles Scicluna told the New York Times, "We have to get our act together and start working for more transparency in investigations and more adequate responses for the problem." (The Guardian, March 17, 2010)



Brynn Boyer/Bullet

Members of the executive committee of the Board of Visitors at a meeting yesterday.

Executive Vice President Stepping Up For the Second Time as of April 1

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"This will be my third commencement," he said. "They're fun. I enjoy it."

Hurley postponed his retirement after Hamble announced her resignation. But, he said he doesn't know if he will stay after his term as acting president.

"I love Mary Washington," he said.

"If I can help out, that's what I'm willing to do."

Now, the attention turns to the search for a president, who will start July 1.

Sauder said more information about the presidential search will be available at the BOV meeting on April 8-9.

Sauder said alumni and faculty have contacted her regarding the upcoming search.

"They are united in their recommendation not to have another national search," Sauder said, meaning that the search would be from within UMW or within Virginia.

"We are a well-managed, stable institution with excellent students," Hurley said. "We have a very bright future ahead of us."

Finkelstein Excited to Work with UMW During Time of Transition

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ated a separate creative writing major, a film program and a writer's forum.

He also fostered connections with students through social events, networking and bringing alumni to talk about careers, he said.

Finkelstein has been a member of the Geneseo faculty since 1983, according to the university's Web site.

SUNY at Geneseo, located near Rochester, N.Y., is similar in size to UMW with about 5,000 undergraduate students, according to the school's Web site.

Finkelstein received a Ph.D. in English from the University of Chicago and a bachelor of arts from Williams College.

In light of the current budget shortfall in high education, Finkel-

stein said Mary Washington should start to form collaborative efforts to save money.

"Everywhere is facing cuts," he

"My immediate goal is to get to Mary Washington and listen to what people have to say."

--Richard Finkelstein,

said. "Virginia is actually doing better

than some."

He said he has seen collaborations work in his current community of Rochester, N.Y.

For example, a university could collaborate with the community for internships and service learning, he said.

"Mary Washington has already pursued a lot of these opportunities," he said.

Finkelstein will be starting his position as dean after a new president takes office.

"I have confidence in [the Board of Visitors]," Finkelstein said. "I'm not concerned. I expect things to settle down in a very productive manner."

Finkelstein said he is looking forward to being dean.

"I think periods of transition are also periods of opportunity," he said. "It can be exciting."

BOV Reaffirms Policy on Non-Discrimination

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not just sexual orientation, but also gender identity, which refers to people who are transgender or transsexual.

Statistically, these individuals are more likely to be targeted and discriminated against, and unemployment rates for transgender people were eight times higher than the national average in 2006, according to a study by scholar and transgender activist Richard Juang.

"It's very important to fight both battles at once," Brendon Bottle, PRISM

president

said. "[We]

need to

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the sake of

getting a

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passed."

UMW reaffirmed its non-discrimination policy yesterday, stating that the institution "does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, national origin, political affiliations, marital status, sexual orientation, sex, or age in recruiting, admitting, enrolling students or hiring and promoting faculty and staff members."

The push to change state law is further stressed by McDonnell's issue of an executive directive in response to Cuccinelli's letter and not an executive order. An executive order is backed with legal support, whereas an executive directive functions as a policy statement, and has no legislation over the laws that support the state Attorney General's argument for policy change.

Other public universities in VA have also committed to changing state law

and maintaining current university policies, largely through the use of social media. Facebook has played a pivotal role in uniting the Virginia university students in this issue and in acting as a public forum for expression.

Phillip Murrialis, the creator of the Virginia Tech Facebook group against the letter, admits he first saw Cuccinelli's letter through the UMW Facebook group and started his own to expand the effort to Virginia Tech.

Virginia Commonwealth University,

which

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protest of

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day, notes

that this

effort has

extended

to involve

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universi-

ties and

that the University of Richmond has mentioned starting its own group in support of incorporating sexual orientation into university policies.

The outcome for state university policy change is still formally uncertain, as most state universities, with the exception of William and Mary, have not officially stated that any changes would be made.

BOV Amended Contract

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cludes a mutual agreement that neither party will sue the other for any reason.

"It's good protection for everybody, all parties concerned," Sauder said.

"It seems a little excessive but I don't really know the reasoning behind it," junior Andrew Mullen said. "She didn't seem to be terribly involved in

the university so it's hard to have an opinion."

Junior Latasha Lee had a similar perspective.

"I don't see the whole purpose. They should be doing something better with our tuition money," Lee said. "It's ridiculous."

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Sports

Rowing Slides Under the Radar

By JONATHAN WIGGINTON
Staff Writer

On any given day, screams of encouragement and motivation can be heard from the far-end of the basement weight room in Goolrick. These noises are coming from the rowing team, a group of athletes who let loose during training and competition.

“

I think the best thing [about rowing] is the knowledge that each person in the boat shares those same pains, struggles and successes as everyone else.

— Junior Stephanie Lefferts

”

The Mary Washington rowing teams have been a varsity sport on campus for the past 10 years, after a long stint as just a club. Since their shift from club to varsity, the nation has taken note: in 2007, the women finished 7th in the nation, after a trip to the NCAA Championships that same year.

Coach Richard Wilson took over the team last fall, after 5-year Head Coach Phil Schmehl moved on to Marietta College. Previously, Wilson was the women's head coach at Niagara University in New York, as well as a coach for a high school in the

Buffalo area. Wilson is the third coach in the program's history, and he is both the men's and women's coach, something that is increasingly unique.

"It is not typical to have one head coach for two programs [like UMW]. It is usually one for men and one for women," Wilson said. He went on to say that Division III teams used to be this way, but nowadays, even DIII teams are becoming more and more specialized.

The team's water training occurs at the Hope Springs Marina in Stafford, but they hope by fall 2010 to have a dock constructed and ready for use on the Rappahannock River, which would make traveling for practice much easier.

On the surface, rowing is very different than other mainstream sports here on campus and across the country, but after listening to rowers, the basics are the same.

"I think the best thing [about rowing] is the knowledge that each person in the boat shares those same pains, struggles and successes as everyone else," junior Stephanie Lefferts said. "We don't give up because we know the person behind us won't give up, so we pull hard for our teammates."

All the best teams in history have had a team-first mentality, and Lefferts' statement echoes a level of dedication and teamwork necessary for any team, in any sport, if the ultimate goal is success and winning.

When asked about his goals for the two teams this season, Wilson's main goal is focusing on getting faster and faster. Everything else, according to him, will fall into place. However, he concluded with one expectation of his rowers.

"All you can do is go as fast as you can—



Courtesy of Clint Offen

UMW freshman Will Apperson defeated W&L's Will Hall (6-1, 6-3), but it was not enough as the Generals held off the visiting Eagles for the 5-4.

everyday."

While this year's teams are very strong, Coach Wilson is optimistic about next year, despite losing the experience and leadership of many seniors. Wilson said all of his underclassmen are very strong and capable.

While competitions for the rowing teams are held only a handful of times throughout the spring semester, their training and hard work often goes unnoticed by people on campus at UMW. However, the fact that Mary Washington knows very little about the rowing teams does not go unnoticed by the rowers themselves.

"While I can't blame the faculty for not wanting to drive to another state to watch an 8-minute race, it would be nice for them to show their recognition of the rowing team's hard work in some other way, just every once in a while," Lefferts said.

The next chance to come out and support the rowing team will be at the Occoquan Sprints regatta on March 28 in Lorton—25 minutes north on I-95. So if you're looking for something to do on a Sunday morning, head over to Lorton and cheer for our rowers.

Women's Tennis Improves to 5-2

By MADALYN CROWELL
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington women's tennis team traveled to Swarthmore, Pennsylvania Friday afternoon to take on Swarthmore College in an indoor match. The 13th-ranked Eagles won two of three doubles matches and five of six singles matches, ending in a 7-2 victory over Swarthmore.

Sophomore and third seed player, Michelle Meadows, commented that the team was nervous going into the match because it was an "in-region" match and therefore affected their national ranking.

Since there were quite a few new players on the Swarthmore team, the Eagles did not know what to expect as far as how the other team would per-

form.

The Eagles went up 2-1 after doubles with an exciting clutch win from second doubles, played by junior Megan Lawlor and Meadows. During

their match, the lead traded several times, but Lawlor and Meadows came out one top with an 8-6 win.

Sophomore and first seed player, Courtney Goimarac, said, "It was a nerve racking situation, only having 3 courts to play on. So, 1, 2 and 3 singles went on at the same time while everyone else watched."

The lights went out in the indoor facility, halting play for at least 15 minutes and causing tensions to rise. Goimarac was playing the second set of her singles match when the event occurred, but came out with a 2-1 victory over her opponent.

"After my match was over I was able to watch the rest of the singles matches, and Michelle's win at third singles to clinch the win was a great moment after she came back from 4-1 down in the final set, Goimarac said. "Swarthmore definitely put up a tough fight and it was an important win for us that really boosted our confidence in our team and what we can accomplish this season."

As far as goals for the rest of the season, Meadows said, "Well every team wants a national

championship but we have a few more years to build up to that goal because of how young our team is. Realistically, I hope our team makes the Elite 8."

Goimarac says that all of the players have faith in one another, and they all play to the best of their ability in every match.

"Our team is young, but we have a lot of drive and determination and are looking forward to competing against the best in the nation," Goimarac said. "Specifically though, a main goal is to make it to the final site of the NCAA tournament for the top eight teams which will be hosted at Mary Washington this year."

The Eagles will take on Johns Hopkins starting at 9 a.m., Sunday March 21 at home. Immediately following, they will travel to Delaware where they will play Wesley.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Sophomore Katie Schafer won her singles match (6-4, 6-0) to help lead the 13th ranked UMW women's tennis team to the 7-2 victory over Swarthmore.

UMW Scoreboard

Baseball: 1-1 (L 6-13 vs. Salisbury University, W 8-7 vs. Cazenovia College)

Softball: 4-0 (W 14-2 and 14-5 vs. Galaudet University, W 16-1 and 19-0 vs. Mary Baldwin College)

Men's Lacrosse: 2-0 (W 10-9 vs. McDaniel College, W 12-6 vs. College of Wooster)

Women's Lacrosse: 1-1 (W 21-6 vs. Hood College, L 10-16 vs. Washington & Lee University)

Men's Tennis: 0-1 (L 4-5 vs. Washington & Lee)

Women's Tennis: 1-1 (W 7-2 vs. Swarthmore College) L 1-8 vs. Washington & Lee University)

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Sports

UMW Rugby Travels to Ireland



Courtesy of Tim Brown

Even though the Mother's Rugby team lost their two matches while they were in Ireland, they gained a lot of respect and valuable experience in the process.

By BRIAN DONOHUE
Staff Writer

Over spring break the university's club rugby team, Mother's Rugby, along with a number of alumni and Professor Michael Spencer of the Department of Historic Preservation traveled to Ireland. The team spent four days in Dublin and three days in Galway. They played two games, both losses.

Coach Tim Brown toured Ireland in 1995 when he was a member of what was then the Mary Washington College Rugby Club.

"Initially, the players seemed surprised that the club had toured so many times in the past and that we have such strong connections in the rugby world," Brown said.

Brown is a dual citizen of Ireland and the U.S. and through his contacts and with the help of former faculty advisor Dr. Richard Brown, Vice President of Student Affairs Doug Searcy, and Michael Spencer the team received "a million dollar tour."

The 56 member convoy arrived in Dublin early Saturday, Feb. 27. They checked into the Four Courts hostel on the River Liffey in downtown

Dublin. Afterward they met with Kevin Crookes of the Coolmine Rugby Football Club. The team watched the English-Irish national rugby game with their new friend.

"This was our first experience of rugby hospitality," Brown said. "If any students at UMW want to have lifelong friends, anywhere in the world, they need to play rugby at UMW."

On Sunday the team played an alumni, B-side and A-side, match against Coolmine. Coolmine has an amazing facility in west Dublin where they treated Mother's Rugby like friends and the matches were of great quality. The A-side played great in the first half. In the second half the team fell victim to a lack of sleep and Coolmine's superior skill level. They lost the match 5-3. After the game, the Eagles received compliments from the team and its supporters, who didn't even know we played rugby in the U.S.

On Tuesday the team travelled to Donnybrook, built in 1879 and is one of Dublin's oldest stadiums, to play Old Wesley.

Old Wesley is one of Ireland's most

revered clubs and has produced many prominent professional players. When they arrived they were greeted by former Ireland international player and former British Lion, Philip Orr. Only top clubs get to play at Old Wesley and this was the second time Mother's has had the honor.

The played a great game against Old Wesley, who is two levels above Coolmine. The team tackled well and the charge was led by junior Fitz Maro on that end while alumnus Scott Hoffmann kicked the ball strategically. By halftime, the Old Wesley players and coaches weren't happy. They managed to give the club a good scare. Harrison Lyman passed the ball to Rex Mahoney and he took it for an uncontested try that would have made the score 14-13 for UMW, but the play was called back and Mother's Rugby ended up losing the match 13-7.

After the game the team ate dinner with the Old Wesley squad and the two teams exchanged gifts. To honor our team, Old Wesley hung up a UMW rugby jersey on the walls at Donnybrook along with the jerseys of international teams like South Africa and New Zealand.

On Wednesday the team took a bus to Galway. There they met Eamonn Malloy, the director of Connacht Rugby. Connacht is a small team by

Irish standards, but huge by U.S. standards. Later, John Dooley of Connacht spoke to the team about match preparation.

"It was amazing to be greeted by players we had seen on TV everywhere we went," Brown said.

On Thursday the team met with Malloy and Dooley again. The two gave the team a tour of the stadium, its dressing rooms, training facilities and offices. Following this, the team had a hands on training session with Malloy and Dooley.

"As a coach I learned a lot from these pros and I know the current Mother's filed away all that was said and done," Brown said. "While Dublin is the capital of Ireland and a bigger city, the players really seemed to like Galway better – it is known as the home of traditional Irish music and all the signs are in Gaelic and English. I think the hospitality of the Connacht team meant a lot to our guys."

The team returned Friday, March 5. In addition to Brown, the team has added a new coach, Neil Livett, for the spring semester and beyond. They have been working with the players on a daily basis and look forward to great improvement and success.



Courtesy of Tim Brown

The Mother's Rugby team was honored to play against Old Wesley for the second time and the UMW team gave the revered club a good match, eventually losing 13-7.

Men's Lacrosse Topples Wooster

By MADALYN CROWELL
Staff Writer

Saturday March 13th at 5 p.m., the Mary Washington men's lacrosse team hosted a game on the school's turf fields against Wooster College

from Wayne County, Ohio. The Eagles had an exciting 12-6 victory over the Fighting Scots and many of the players saw the game as a break though win for the Eagles.

The Scots scored only one goal of their seven attempts during the first half of the game, while

the Eagles put away five in that time. The first quarter ended with a 2-1 lead for Mary Washington, with points scored by senior Brian Deal and sophomore Harry Snyder.

During the second quarter, Snyder and juniors Brian Meaney and Mark Bowler each scored goals, expanding their lead over the Scots to 5-1. Bowler, junior Even Weiss and senior Ryan Motyka put away the next four goals for the Eagles in the third quarter, Bowler with two.

In the fourth quarter, the Scots valiantly attempted a comeback as they scored five more points, but the Eagles had already secured their win at the beginning of the fourth, putting three more points on the board to win the game with a six-point lead. Snyder, senior James Fitzella and Weiss scored the last three goals for Mary Washington.

Sophomore goalies Matt Prinn and Ryan Montgomery each made essential saves for the Eagles, Prinn with 11 and Montgomery with one.

"Before the Wooster game we anticipated a fast-paced offense and a slow-paced defense," Prinn said. "Which meant our defense had to be ready for quick shots and our offense had to take advantage of weak slides. At halftime the team's goal was to not let Wooster have a chance at getting back into the game."

Mid-fielder Evan Weiss scored two goals and made one assist during Saturday's game and felt that it was the team's best game of the season, thus far.

"I think that if we can limit our turnovers we're going to have a very successfully season," Weiss said. "After a slow start, I feel like we're finally starting to get into a groove and if we can keep it up will be a very hard team to beat."

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Courtesy of Clint Offen

With the 12-6 win over Wooster, the UMW men's lacrosse team has now scored double digit goals in three straight games after failing to score more than seven goals in any of the first three contests of the season.

Upcoming Sporting Events

3/19

Football and Field Hurling Ground
Relays @ 2 p.m.

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Men's Lacrosse (Home) vs.
Stevenson University @ 3 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse (Home) vs.
Stevenson University @ 4 p.m.

Carolina Wesleyan (at 9 a.m.)
and vs. Averet University (at 3 p.m.)

Baseball @ Wesley College (DH)
Softball @ Lynchburg College
Women's Lacrosse @ York College

3/21

Baseball (Home) vs. Bates College (DH) at 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis (Home) vs. Johns Hopkins University at 9 a.m. and @ Wesley College at 4 p.m.

3/24

Baseball (Home) vs. Bridgewater College at 3:30 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse (Home) vs. Stevenson University at 4 p.m.
Softball (Home) vs. Bridgewater College at 3 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse (Home) vs. Stevenson University at 4 p.m.